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Girls Active in Keene Sports Carnival

"Nothing But The Truth" Next Dramatic Club Play

"Nothing But The Truth" by Montgomery will be presented by the Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Nixon, Thursday, November 19, with Joe Rush in the part first played by William Collier. With Kennedy's "Servant In The House" and Sidney Howard's "The Late Chistopher Bean", extremely successful productions to spur them on, the members of the cast are making every effort to make an enviable record for themselves.

Comedy and near-tragedy are nicely blended and complications of terrific magnitude arise when Bob Bennett bets ten thousand dollars given him by his sweet-heart for an investment, that he can tell the truth for twenty-four hours. The audience is promised an evening of entertainment as well as an exhibition of stellar acting.

The cast includes Marion Renne, Dolores Sullivan, Helen Gibson, Ethel Critchley, Barbara Witmore, Mildred Slottery, George Carey, Ernest Savoy, Kal Kansanniva, and Dave Humphrey.

Athletic Conference

This year the annual Women's Athletic Conference of Massachusetts Teachers Colleges is to be held at Vestfield on November 5, 6, and 7. The purpose of the conference is to bring forth and discuss all existing problem; and new ideas pertaining to the improvement of women's athletics in the Teachers Colleges.

Each college sends the president of the W. A. A., a senior, a junior, and a sophomore representative. This year t e representatives are Ethel Critchley, W. A. A. president, Elaine Cleaves, Adah Parker, and Mary Chase.

A CHALLENGE

The Scrowgers, a new soci-athletic group with Creamer, Daniels, and O'Sheasy as a nucleus, hereby challenge the Goons to a game of touch football, or any other sport. They claim the Goons refused to recognize them last year.

They are anxious that no extravagant claims about them appear in the paper. "Just tell them that we'll beat them at anything," said Joe.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

This year the Girls' Glee Club is thriving under the direction of Ruby Gage, president, Mary Clark, vice-president, Helen Paul, secretary and Sipri Tastula, treasurer. There are now fifty members and the spirit is high. Work has been started on a Christmas contata.

Teacher Training Group To Have Meeting in Boston

On Thursday, November the fifth, the New England Teacher Training Association will hold its annual meeting in the State House.

This year, in addition to the regular conferences, the association will hold its first conference of student delegates. Fitchburg will be represented informally by the president and vice-president of the M. S. A., Hollis Moore and Milton Jeffrey, and by the presidents of the two women's organizations, Elinor Cronin and Corinne Johnson.

Dr. Herlihy will be chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and will also take part in a panel discussion on "Social and Economic Training Which Teacher Training Institutions Must Con ider."

Annual Play Day Includes Variety of Sports

Saturday, October 31, a group of girls from F. T. C. journeyed to Keene, N. H. for a Field Day. This was the annual play day for Keene and girls were there from Castleton, Plymouth, and Fitchburg. The girls of the four schools were divided into two teams, a Red team and a Blue team, which were opponents throughout the day. The Blue team, which accumulated 29 points to the Red team's 21 points, was, at the end of the day, declared the victor.

Bowling and badminton first claimed attention on the program. Barbara Whitmore and Ellen Funaiole could certainly roll a hard, fast ball. Elinor Scully was high scorer and was followed by B. Whitmore, E. Funaiole and E. McCarthy.

Now for a little badminton. The Keene girls are certainly expert at this fascinating game, but let me tell you (Continued On Page Three)

Halloween Dance

The Sophomores staged the annual Halloween Dance in the library, Friday evening, October 30. Many alumni were in attendance.

The library was decorated to resemble a bat-infested skeleton-haunted cave. Tombstones with humorous epitaphs to prominent alumni attracted much favorable comment.

James Baker and Raymond Lowe gave a blackface version of "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

The Varsity Orchestra furnished the music. The traditional cider and doughnuts were served as refrehments.



Editorial Staff

Editorial

The able and persevering Teachers College student deserves and should receive official recognition. Too often campus activity rather than classroom competence is the criterion on which school-wide praise is based. We suggest the re-institution of a Dean's List, assuring the more diligent worker such commendation as he or she does merit.

Such an Honor List would stimulate the individual, prompting a superior type of acheivement. Again, the general scholastic morale of the College would be raised.

Further, the suggested step is a necessary one in our evolution from a Normal School to an institution of College level.

—Donald Lytle

MEN'S REST ROOM

Due to financial difficulties, the M. S. A. finds it impossible to supply each member with an ash tray and waste basket to be used in the rest room. As it is limited to but two receptacles for our cigarette ends, it is urged that you make use of said receptacles. Cooperation on your part will in due time be noticed by the Administration, and they in turn will give us their wholehearted support in improving the surroundings and making the room a real mens' room.

The Ash Tray

Back again after a three weeks' absence, and glad to be back. So harken ye now to the wisdom of a columnist's words whose name (unless I find my letter box holding at least one more comment than before) will be listed with those who died trying to please the public.

John P. McEvoy tells us that in this world of inconsistencies there are two things that will always be true: "A woman will fly to a man and from a mouse." John gets my vote and a sprig of golden-rod for that.

A wit suggests that since the American people take more interest in murder trials than in presidential elections we should solve the murders by popular vote and elect our president by jury. Or perhaps the old Greek way of pulling the name out of the hat would be better still; at least it would save us from listening to a lot of speeches.

Sights worth seeing again: ERNIE SAVOY with wig and derby playing a modern Shylock to BILL BAUER'S Sherlock.

THOUGHTS UNBOUND: Nomodern poet lends himself to classroom reading as does Alfred Noyes -The air of pseudo-cosmopolitanism that so many of our generation are assuming seems a little ridiculous-It would be a treat to have one set of rules governing the "touch" games in gym classes-I dislike: Edgar Guest's poetry and affected voices-People who tell me that I simply must read this book—Cast a vote for individualism (but not rugged) rather than totalitarian automatonism.

To the Sophomore class goes another sprig of golden-rod for the fine and original decorations at the Hal-

loween party last Friday. We have heard many compliments on the dance and for ourselves we thought it quite the best dance we had attended for eons.

The LETTER BOX: Come, come ye goodly people, drop a note in box 292. Anything will be welcome.

We are not a little disturbed by the appearance of "cliques" among the students. It is our contention that such things have no place in a professional school. In such a small student body it does seem a shame that there are so many people who think it their duty to run everything.

Charlie Butterworth writes from Norway that he is having a grand time watching the fiords go by. I beg your indulgence to do the same.

-Ken Killey

Faculty Discusses Changes in Elementary Education

At the regular faculty meeting held on October the 26, Miss Bruce conducted a panel discussion analyzing the elementary four-year curriculum. Those participating in the discussion were as follows: Miss Rachel Bruce, the social studies; Miss Kat erine McCarty, English; Miss Charlotte Mahoney, science and education; Miss Florence Conlon, the arts and physical education.

At the end of the formal program there followed a lively discussion. The above named group agreed to act as a committee to recommend changes in the elementary curriculum.

The main topic before the faculty this year is the analysis and improvement of the three curricula. At the next meeting, a committee composed of Mr. Anthony, Mr. MacLean, Mr. Clark, and Miss McConnell will take up the Industrial Arts curriculum.

One of our intellectual freshman girls was heard to inquire on the hockey field the other day about the number of lalves we intended to play in the game. Maybe she'd better study her arithmetic.

Black Team Champs

A successful hockey season drew to a close on Friday, October 30, with the Black and Orange game, from which the Black team emerged victorious. Their 3-0 victory over the Orange team clinched their position as champions for this year. There has been a series of five games played, with the Black, Orange and White teams competing.

In the first game, the Orange defeated the White 5-0, and the Black team followed suit by swamping the White team with a 6-0 victory. The White team seemed as lambs being led to slaughter before the onslaught of the two victorious teams, though they played with all the energy and zest of which they were capable.

These two games were followed by a fast and close competition between the Black and Orange teams, with the Black edging out the Orange with three goals to their two. This proved to be the game of games, both teams playing heads up hockey, and entering into the sport with much spirit and enthusiasm.

The second Orange and White game had the same disastrous effect for the White team as the first, the Orange pinning a 6-0 defeat on the White.

The final game between the Black and Orange showed the Black team strong in defense and fast in offense, and the Orange team not up to its usual standard. The Blacks scored in the opening minutes of the game, and built up their lead to a 3-0 victory, playing deep in Orange territory, while the Orange team rarely threatened the Black's goal.

It was not considered necessary for the Black to play the Whites a second time, and the hockey championship was conceded to them. (Chalk up 50 points for the Black team.)

The following girls are members of the victorious team: Mary Disken(captain), Ruth Hughes, Alice Algeo, Pearl Duncan, Frances McCarthy, Ethel Critchley, Aune Salo, Helen McAuliff, Elinor Scully, Ailie Waris, Helen Mahoney, Mary Owens, and Barbara Baldwin.

GIRLS' FIELD DAY AT KEENE
(Continued From Page One)
that Martha Gay and Viola Perrault
upheld Fitchburg.

At 10:30 all the girls who were to take part in the swimming meet donned their bathing suits and waited for the fun to begin. Beginning with a free style relay, the meet was soon under way and scored the first point for the Blues. The swimming pool rang with laughter during a very amusing race in which the object was to swim to the middle of the pool and get a cork which floated around, into the contestant's mouth without the use of the hands.

The "Freshies" kept their heads above water with such swimmers as Mary Dempsey, Mary Ward, and Helen Nortonen, all having wonderful speed and form. Keep up the good work, Freshmen! After a few more splas es, the swimming meet was over and the Blue team was announced the winner. But why shouldn't the Blue team win when they had the great Fitchburg stars—Jerry Lyons, Mary Dempsey, and Vi Perrault?

Before luncheon the girls were given freedom of diversion, the majority explored the campus surroundings, with all returning at 12:30 for lunch.

Bernie Johnson and Mary Disken, and Marion Berwick and Elaine Cleaves, did great justice for Fitchburg in the tennis matches.

Close at hand was the archery exhibition which was great fun to watch. Picture, if you can, dignified Eleanor Cronin gleefully giggling when she shot her arrows, many of which went any place except the target. All were proud of President Critchley when she scored four out of five. The target for the Blues was a donkey, and for the Red an elephant, which made it look like 2 little campaigning on the side.

A hockey game capped the climax of the day. The Red team consisted of a Fitchburg forward line and a Keene backfield, while the Blue team was made up of the Keene forward line and a Fitchburg backfield. The first half was nearly over before the Blue scored a goal. In the second half the Blue added three more goals to their glory. You'd have to travel far before 1 you could see a tile playing of ou tile playing ou tile playing of ou tile playing out tile playing ou

Club News

MOHAWK CLUB

The Mohawk Club installed its new members at the meeting held last Monday night. Next Monday night the Mohawks will hold its meeting at Coggshall Park, where the new members will present an entertainment for the old. Wenies, coffee, etc., will be served after the entertainment.

The club has challenged the Gavs to a game of soccer, touch football, or any athletic event to be played at the Gavs' *convenience.

Watch for the "Winter Carnival" to be sponsored by the Mohawks.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB

At previous meetings of the Men's Glee Club, plans were outlined for the presentation of an assembly program, and discussions were held concerning the annual operetta.

"Yeomen of the Guard," by Gilbert and Sullivan, is being considered.

Among the songs which have been sung by the group are "The Bells of St. Mary," "Old Man Noah," and "On the Way to Rio."

ART CLUB NEWS

This year the art club is striving for a new high in artistic accomplishment. The members have decided to have an activity period the third Monday in every month in addition to their regular meeting period. In this activity period such things as sketching, finger painting and work in pastels will be carried on. An interesting program has been planned for the year. The art club has already witnessed a finger painting exhibition given by a representative of the Shaw Finger Paint Company.

you could see anything that equalled tile playing of our Fitchburg backfield. If you imagine Critchley, McAuliff, Lyons, Clifford and Nortonen together—is it any wonder the Blue team won?

The game ended and the time came for the total score of the Red and the Blue for the day. The final score—Red 21, and Blue 29.

Campus Chatter

Doc. and Martha taking up oral English during the Soph. party.

We saw "Daddy" Hill with three plates during the same party. Tch! Tch! after all, Daddy, you surprised us once this year.

Who was the faculty member who said that he would like to meet Pavlov, the great psychologist; but Pavlov died and went to heaven and they will probably never meet?

Beleson read the Goons write-up last week and claims he was robbed.

Famous last words as the dinner bell rings: "Let's go down and get insulted."

Dorm man uses curtain for towel. These hard times!

Stan. English trys to break up band in the first hundred yards of their de-

Geddes still claims the rest of the band was wrong. (He was playing 5 -they were playing 6.)

The six haunts; added a realistic touch to tile Halloween Party.

The entertainment at the Soph party was short and very good; just as it should be. Other classes please take note.

Golf driving range is being planned for the Junior High attic. I see where we will have to go to find some of our faculty.

Landall sees fit to furnish wood for Gav's paddles but not for 'Hawks. Impartiality is our motto.

Joe's pet was finally coaxed from under t e porch at Miller. "Bury me

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not under lone piazza."

We smell romance around Miller Hall. What does Avadanian smell?

Are the Canadian pictures in Suite I for inspiration, motivation, or things

No offence:-Just as the girls think.

Gerry "Burp" McDowell Paul "Da-Di-Ah" Foye Deborah "Bells" Blazo George "Shiny Shoes" Carey Joe "Little on Side" Mahoney Holly 'Cross-patch" Moore

Too bad the girls had to stop their campaign. Such spirit should not be thwarted.

For bigger and better black eyes: See Peg Burke.

Miller Hall's going social every Wed. nite until 7:30. Too bad boys.

Dark glasses turn squash to cabbage in Keene.

Reports from t'e Day girls room indicate Joe Daniels as holder of the title G. G. W.

Something new for Deb posing as an artist's model.

We wonder if Vi knows she is being taken for a ride by some.

It is obvious that platonic friendships just aren't working among the four seniors.

We also noticed several of the girls watching the beautiful harvest moon

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instead of keeping their mind on the hockey game. We wonder if the boys on the soccer field saw it, too.

SCOOPS SAYS:-The third of Tufts Heart-interests break down and confess that she doesn't mind a little on the side. The hockey player from Newton seems to be Chasein' her merrily along.

What manner of man be this-Rav Lowe breaks handle of toothbrush while brushing teeth. No sir, Ray, you can't make us believe it got caught in a

Poor Scoop admits defeat after trying to follow the love life of our Don Juan Editor-in-Chief.

Wasink seems to have grown cold toward lovely little C. That's what appens when a small town boy turns night clerk.

Waring must lave a filing system of some kind to keep track of his heart interests.

Our vote for the most faithful letter writer in either Dorm. Da-Di-Ah Foye. About two a day.

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